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# Introduction

Anti-Semitism is widespread throughout the Arab and Muslim world, manifested in many segments of society. The Anti-Defamation League monitors and documents anti-Semitic cartoons and articles, which appear daily in the Arab and Muslim media. This publication is the latest compilation of select anti-Semitic and thematic caricatures and articles in the Arab and Muslim media, and includes examples from January-June 2014.

Newspapers across the Arab and Muslim world continue to feature anti-Semitic caricatures and themes, with demonic depictions of Jews that include big noses, black coats and hats, large skull caps, and many promoting age-old global Jewish conspiracy theories, including control of international governments, obsession with money and the use of animal imagery – snakes, octopuses, and vultures - to portray Israel and Jews as sinister predators.

The anti-Semitic cartoons appearing in this compilation relate to a number of issues, including the July 2013 – April 2014 US-led peace negotiations between Israelis and the Palestinians, the US-Israel relationship, the kidnapping and killing of the three Israeli teenage boys (which is represented in the cartoons by the so-called “three fingers campaign”) and Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank.

It is important to note that in the past year there has been a noticeable increase in the number of anti-Semitic cartoons accusing Israel of attempting to “Judaize” Jerusalem, often depicting Jews as nefariously “stealing” the Temple Mount or the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

You can view the previous edition of the Middle East Press Review (January-June 2013) here - <http://www.adl.org/assets/pdf/anti-semitism/arab-world/mepr/July-December-2013.pdf>

On the cover: *Al-Ahram weekly*, April 16-23, 2014 (Egypt)

# Egypt

## Cartoons



*Al-Ahram weekly, April 16-23, 2014*



*Al-Ahram weekly, April 10-16, 2014*



*Al-Ahram weekly, February 5-12, 2014*

## Articles

- "... When Zionism established its evil enterprise from the Nile to the Euphrates, it found itself facing a true predicament, as it strives to bring together the diaspora of a people that has had no fixed geographic location throughout history. This, while permanency on some land is a foremost precondition for subsisting a human civilization. Therefore, after stealing a geographic location by occupying Palestine, Zionism had to plagiarize Egyptian history, and so they (claim they) are the builders of the pyramids, which has been negated by every historical piece of evidence...

Suheir Abd al-Hamid, "The Exodus... A Zionist Forgery and an Egyptian Feebleness," *Al-Ahram*, June 24, 2014

- "... We, Arabs, constantly ask ourselves about the secret of the Jews' influence and complain about their control over the decision making circles in some European countries. But did we ask ourselves how this is feasible for them? Ever since the Maidan revolution<sup>1</sup> broke out last November, the Jews acted cleverly and intelligently, as we haven't heard statements or clear Jewish stances regarding the crisis. They remained silent until Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula, after some gunmen backed by the Russian Bear in Eastern Ukraine had occupied buildings and demanded to hold a referendum for a federation (with Russia), or a separation from the Ukraine. Then, the Jews began moving and emphasizing their participation in the New Ukraine 'Enterprise'."

Dr. Muhammad Farjallah, "The Jewish Investment in the New Ukraine," *Al-Ahram*, May 7, 2014

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<sup>1</sup> Independence Square in the Ukraine.

# Gaza – Hamas

## Cartoons



*Filastin*, May 18, 2014



*Filastin*, May 4, 2014  
Headline: "The hunger strike of the prisoners in the occupation's prisons."



*Filastin*, April 24, 2014



*Filastin*, April 9, 2014  
The Jewish figure is saying: "Not enough..."





*Filastin*, February 2, 2014  
Headline: "Kerry's plan."



*Filastin*, January 8, 2014  
The woman represents Jerusalem.



*Filastin*, January 4, 2014  
Headline: "An Egyptian warning for military action against Gaza."







*Al-Ghad*, April 27, 2014  
 In Arabic: "Reconciliation."



*Ad-Dustur*, April 25, 2014  
 Headline: "The Palestinian reconciliation."



*Ar-Rai*, April 22, 2014  
 Headline: "Booby-trapping the peace!"



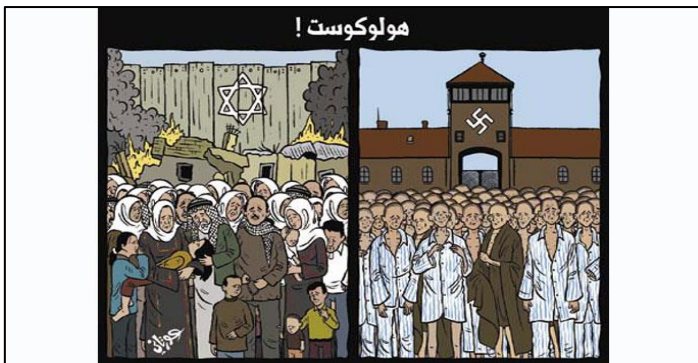
*Ad-Dustur*, April 10, 2014  
 In Arabic: "Terror."



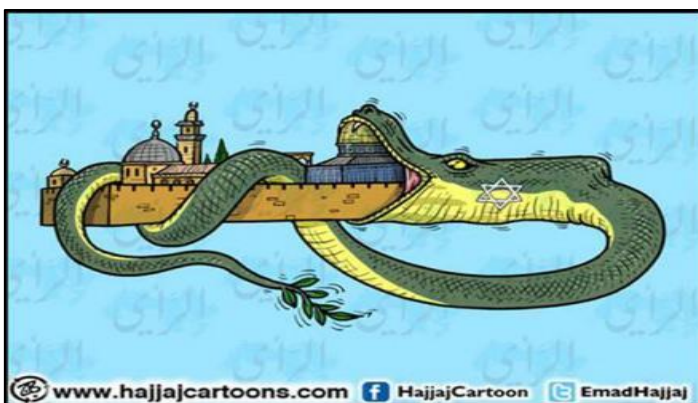
*Ad-Dustur*, March 30, 2014  
 Headline: "The Land Day."



*As-Sabil*, March 15, 2014  
 In Arabic: "Gaza."



*Ad-Dustur*, March 3, 2014  
 Headline: "Holocaust!"



*Ar-Rai*, March 2, 2014





*Ad-Dustur*, March 1, 2014  
In Arabic: "The Security Council."



*Ad-Dustur*, February 12, 2014  
In Arabic: "The Palestinian division."



*Ad-Dustur*, February 6, 2014



*Ad-Dustur*, January 26, 2014  
In Arabic: "Gaza."

## Articles

- "... In the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, Jews always said they were 'in diaspora'. They alleged that they were refugees in other countries, exiled from their homeland. We, as well as others, know that Palestine is homeland to none of them. Neither their fathers nor their forefathers had lived there, nor do they speak its language, carry documents of ownership of its land, or share the characteristics of its people. Solely based on a mythical story that has no connection to history, they said they wanted the legitimate right of return for the scattered refugees..."

Ala Ad-Din Abu Zeineh, "Does Peace Mean the Disappearance of the Palestinians?!"  
*Al-Ghad*, January 16, 2014

# Kuwait

Cartoons



*Al-Jarida, June 30, 2014*  
Headline: "Siege."



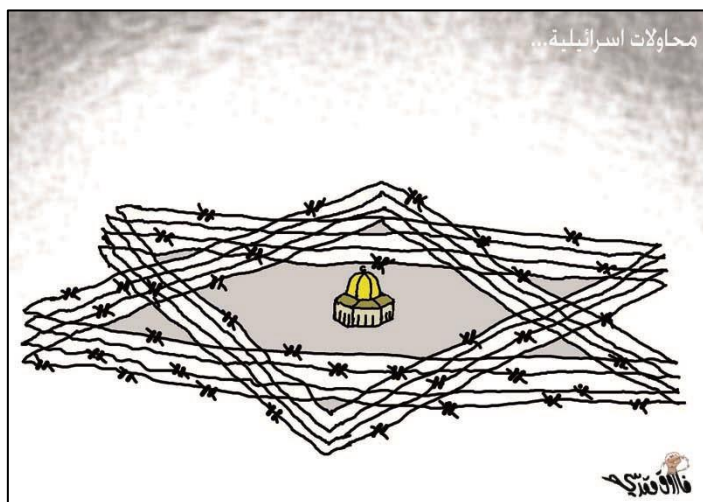
## Articles

- "...And so, determining the policy of America and the EU, Britain and Russia – is the cohesion of the Jewish lobby which controls all of these countries' military, economic, financial institutions and banks; and which sketches their new geo-political map in the Middle East and East Asia. This, because it is the one restricting Obama's decisions with regard to terminating the crises of the Arab World in Syria and Palestine; (the one – AB) agreeing to the agreement on the Iranian nuclear matter; cornering China militarily and commercially in its naval shipping; directing Russia in selling its oil and in its geographic expansion (Ukraine and others); and subordinating Europe by intentionally bringing about financial convulsions!... So who can bring about change?!..."

Amal Arbid, "Putin: Between Striving for Change... and the Jewish Lobby's Rule!" *Al-Qabas*, May 20, 2014

# Oman

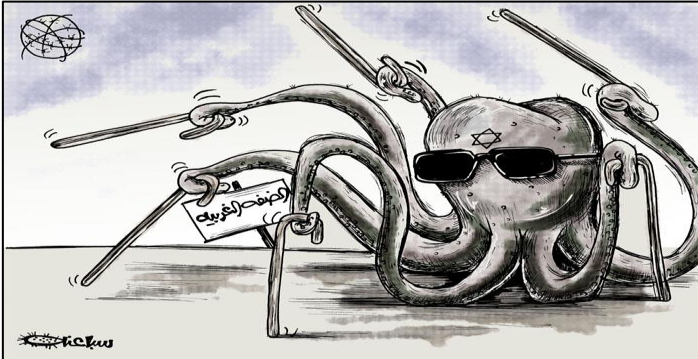
## Cartoons



*Oman*, February 26, 2014  
Headline: "Israeli attempts."

# Palestinian Authority

## Cartoons



*Al-Hayat al-Jadida*, June 29, 2014  
In Arabic: "The West Bank."



*Al-Hayat al-Jadida*, June 28, 2014



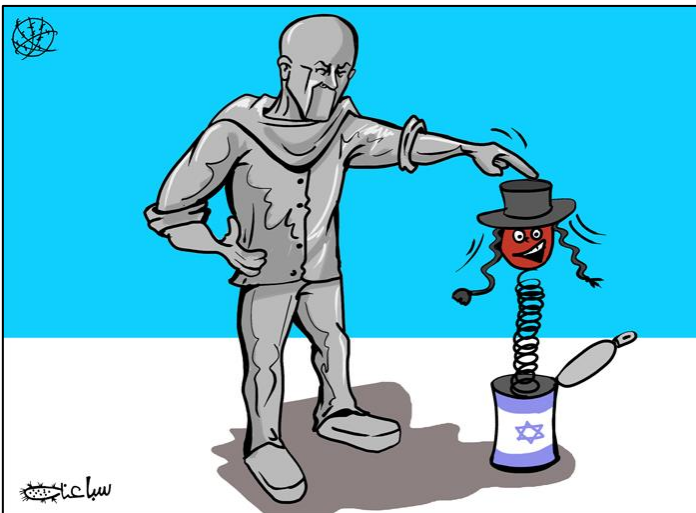
*Al-Hayat al-Jadida*, June 7, 2014  
Headline: "The occupation prevents (the broadcasting of) the program 'Good Morning Jerusalem'."



*Al-Ayyam*, May 6, 2014  
Headline: "Thieves celebrating!!"



*Al-Hayat al-Jadida*, February 27, 2014 In Arabic: "Jerusalem."



*Al-Hayat al-Jadida*, January 9, 2014

## Articles

- "... I believe that when Netanyahu opens this subject (the Jewish character of Israel), very bad odors of racism will emanate from it. Perhaps he had preserved and acquired it genetically from the days of Nazism and the Aryan race... instead of avoiding any action that reminds him of Hitler's racism, Netanyahu imitates and wants to copy it against the inhabitants, residents and people of Palestine; and even against the citizens of the state of Israel themselves!..."

Yahya Rabah, "Netanyahu's Myths!" *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, January 22, 2014

# Qatar

## Cartoons



*Al-Watan*, June 24, 2014  
The US is referred to as "the American referee" and the ball represents "the Middle East."



*Al-Jazeera TV*, June 22, 2014  
The figures representing the Arab World and the International Community are holding signs which say "We condemn" and "We disapprove," while the Jewish figure is building settlements.



*Ar-Raya*, June 17, 2014



*Ar-Raya*, June 16, 2014





Ar-Raya, June 14, 2014  
 In Arabic: "the Judaization of Jerusalem."



Al-Watan, May 19, 2014  
 Headline: "The Nakba".



Ar-Raya, May 15, 2014



Ar-Raya, May 7, 2014



Ar-Raya, April 27, 2014  
 Headline: "The Palestinian reconciliation."



Ar-Raya, April 16, 2014  
 Written (with bones) on the pot:  
 "Peace."



Ar-Raya, April 6, 2014



Ar-Raya, April 2, 2014  
 Written on the sign above the guard:  
 "Do not approach: Heavy security  
 guarding." Written on the sign above  
 the door: "The holy sites."



Al-Jazeera TV, March 30, 2014  
The steps represent concession, and the US is saying to the Palestinian figure: "Go down another step."



Al-Watan, March 18, 2014

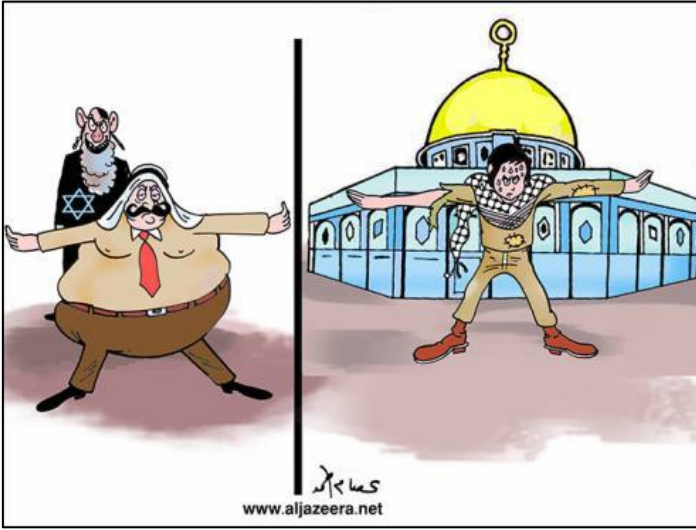


Al-Watan, March 15, 2014



Ar-Raya, February 25, 2014  
The plant is representing "the Israeli Peace;" the water hose represents "the Palestinian vein."





Al-Jazeera TV, February 10, 2014



Ar-Raya, January 1, 2014  
Headline: "The Judaization whip." The woman represents Jerusalem.

## Articles

- "... Freemasonry is a hunting instrument in the Jews' hands, through which they bring to the ground the greatest diplomats and deceive the unaware nations and ignorant peoples. Freemasonry is a danger behind the symbols, terms and talismans; a dagger which the Jews thrust in the heart of the peoples. They gave rise to enemies from within them and their surroundings. Freemasonry is a scorpion that has stung the peoples for centuries, disguising itself with the costume of freedom, brotherhood and equality etc..."  
Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Abd al-Hadi, "Assassinating Our Civilization from the Inside,"  
*Ash-Sharq*, March 22, 2014

# Saudi Arabia

## Cartoons



*Al-Iqtisadiyya*, June 23, 2014



*Al-Watan*, June 22, 2014  
While the figure representing Iran is looking in the direction of Iraq, carrying a flag with the slogan "Defending the holy sites", the Israeli soldier is eating the Al-Aqsa Mosque.



*Al-Madina*, April 5, 2014  
Headline: "ISIS."



*Ukaz*, April 3, 2014  
In Arabic: "Settlements."





*Al-Watan*, March 19, 2014  
 Headline: "Taking chances for the sake of peace!"



*Al-Madina*, March 9, 2014  
 Headline: "The Final status negotiations..."



*Al-Iqtisadiyya*, February 23, 2014



*Al-Watan*, January 12, 2014  
 Written on the gun: "Aid".

# United Arab Emirates

## Cartoons



*Al-Ittihad*, June 10, 2014  
Headline: "Racial segregation".  
On the left, the Jewish figure is attacking the "1948 Arabs" using "the Jewish State". On the right, a Burmese figure is attacking the Rohingya people, who practice Islam.



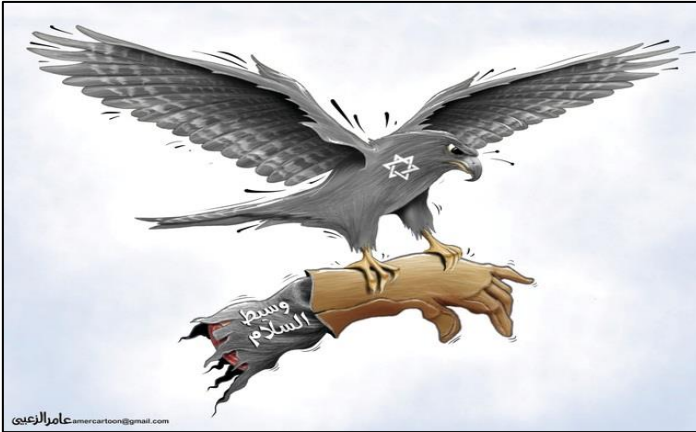
*Al-Khalij*, April 22, 2014



*Al-Bayan*, April 15, 2014  
Headline: "The peace melodies..!"



*Al-Bayan*, April 9, 2014  
Written on the file: "Negotiations."



*Al-Bayan*, April 6, 2014  
 Written on the hand: "The peace mediator."



*Al-Khalij*, March 18, 2014  
 In Arabic: "Settlements."



*Al-Bayan*, February 23, 2014  
 Headline: "The pressure policy."



*Al-Bayan*, January 29, 2014  
 The Arab figure is holding "the peace folder" waiting for the "peace goat" (representing Israel) to produce "the peace milk" into the container.



*Al-Bayan*, January 12, 2014  
In Arabic is the word "Salam", which means "Peace". Enlarged within that word is "la", which means "No."

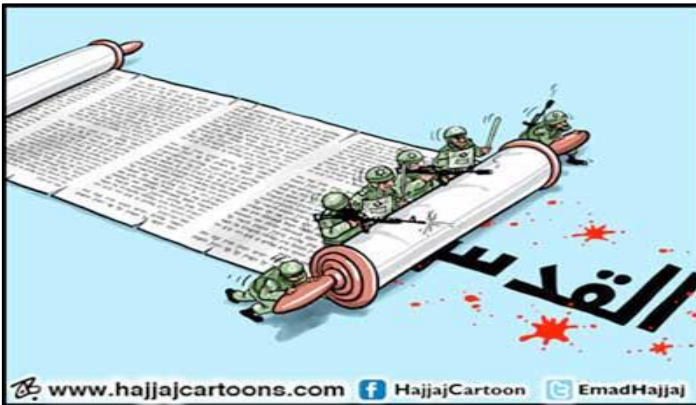


# United Kingdom-Based Newspapers

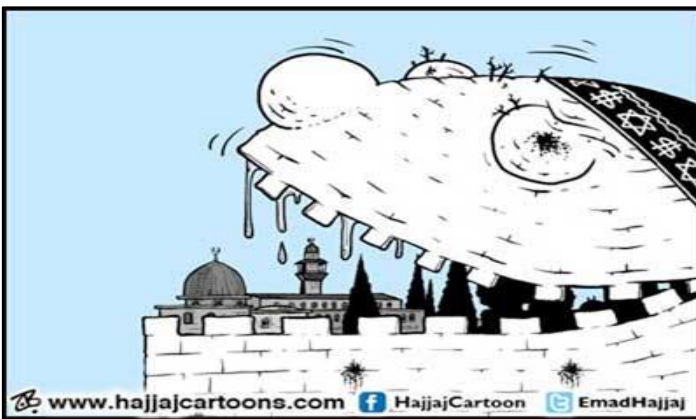
## Cartoons



*Al-Quds al-Arabi*, March 7, 2014



*Al-Quds al-Arabi*, February 27, 2014  
The Israeli soldiers are shooting from behind a Torah scroll. In Arabic: "Jerusalem."



*Al-Quds al-Arabi*, February 21, 2014



*Al-Arab*, January 27, 2014



*Al-Arab*, January 22, 2014  
The Arab figure is saying: "The bill please?!!"



## Articles

- "...Israel is a sort of Torah whore, a state led by a fascist neo-Nazi government which practices apartheid against the sole and original owners of the land. Herzl and his adherents were Khazars who had no right whatsoever to be in the land of Palestine..."  
Jihad Al-Khazin, "Eyes and Ears: Israel and the Pope's 'Religious' Visit," *Al-Hayat*, May 25, 2014
- "...I can't go on explaining due to the sensitivity of the subject, so I say that there are numerous examples, and every story of the Torah originates from a fable. (With regard to Queen) Esther, for example - who saved the Jews of Persia - there is a similar Babylonian fable about non-Jews. And the word 'God' is not at all mentioned in the Biblical book which bears her name. I maintain that we are the original, and the noble Koran descended under the circumstances of History, whereas they and their religion are a fable or an invention..."  
Jihad Al-Khazin, "Eyes and Ears: Doubts of Israelis on the Torah," *Al-Hayat*, February 10, 2014
- "Palestine (stretches) from the Sea to the River, and this is the only history of a country where Israel did not exist one day, despite the superstitions of the Torah. There is absolutely no remnant in the land of Palestine of Israel, of the false prophets or of the prostitutes who are often mentioned in the Torah. The Palestinians accepted a state on 22% of their land and we accepted (it) with them. Only that the Israeli government is an extremist and a fascist one, which does not want peace. It therefore places obstacles on the path on a daily basis. It is a government of neo-Nazis and any other account is a fable of the caliber of what is written in the Torah..."  
Jihad Al-Khazin, "Eyes and Ears: The Death of Sharon the Terrorist", *Al-Hayat*, January 10, 2014

## **Select List of Arab Media Outlets**

***Ad-Dustur (Jordan)*** — first issued on March 28, 1967, this government-owned daily expresses pro-Palestinian and anti-Israeli views. Editor in chief: Muhammad Hasan At-Tal.

***Al-Ahram (Egypt)*** — an Egyptian daily controlled by the Egyptian government: the president appoints the editor. The editor (and the editors of the other government owned dailies, *Al-Gumhuriyya* and *Al-Akhabar*) is given substantial leeway in his editorial practices, assuming he avoids certain “taboos.” *Al-Ahram* is the largest Arabic paper in the world and has established the *Al-Ahram* Regional Press Institute. It was founded in 1875.

***Al-Ahram Al-'Arabi (Egypt)*** — a weekly published by the Dar Al-Ahram publishing house. The editor-in-chief of the newspaper is Dr. 'Abd Al-'Ati Muhammad, and the chairman of the publishing house is Ibrahim Nafi, who is *Al-Ahram's* editor in chief. Although both newspapers are published by the same publishing house, *Al-Ahram* and *Al-Ahram Al-Arabi* are different. The editorials in *Al-Ahram* are always supportive of government positions, while the editorials in *Al-Ahram al-Arabi* are critical of the government and also other countries. The paper publishes very strong anti-Israeli views.

***Al-'Arab Online (United Kingdom)*** – Arab daily newspaper. Its editor-in-chief is Mohamed Ahmed El-Houni.

***Al-Ayyam (Palestinian Authority)*** – A wide-spread Palestinian daily based primarily in Ramallah. It is supportive of the Fatah movement and was established in 1995. The editor in chief is Akram Haniyyeh.

***Al-Bayan (United Arab Emirates)*** — owned by the Al-Bayan Foundation for Press, Printing and Publication. The newspaper was founded in 1980 and the editor is Hasher Al-Mektom, a member of the royal family.

***Al-Ghad (Jordan)*** — an independent and privately sponsored mainstream daily. Today the paper is less anti-Israel than it used to be.

***Al-Hayat (United Kingdom)*** — a London-based pan-Arab daily, which reflects the general tone in the Arab world and tends to publish scoops.

***Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Palestinian Authority)*** - The official Palestinian Authority daily.

***Al-Iqtisadiyya (Saudi Arabia)*** – economics-focused daily, and its editor-in-chief is Salman Aldossary.

***Al-Ittihad (United Arab Emirates)*** — it was first issued on October 20, 1969. The editor-in-chief is Rashid Salih Al-'Arimi. It is a government daily, which emphasizes the government's policy and its achievements in domestic and foreign affairs. The paper publishes all kinds of news related to the Arab and Muslim arena. It has a wide network of correspondents in Arab countries and the west. The paper is being published by Emirates Media ([www.emi.ae](http://www.emi.ae)).

***Al-Jarida (Kuwait)*** - Arabic daily newspaper that launched in July 2007, and is among the top 3 most circulated newspapers in the country. The newspaper has offices in Cairo and Beirut. The paper is owned by Mohammed Al-Sayegh, the former editor in-chief of *Al-Qabas* newspaper. The editor-in-chief is Khalid Hilal al-Matiri.

***Al-Jazeera TV (Qatar)*** - A popular Qatari news channel accessible throughout the Arab world, launched in 1996, and headed by Sheikh Hamad bin Thamer bin Mohammed bin Thani Al-Thani. It broadly covered the uprisings in the Arab world. The cartoons were posted on Al-Jazeera's website.

***Al-Khalij (United Arab Emirates)*** — The country's largest Arabic language newspaper; it is privately-owned. It was founded in 1970.

***Al-Madina (Saudi Arabia)*** – A Saudi daily established in 1937. The editor in chief is Fahd Hasan Al 'Aqran. It is one of the earliest Saudi newspapers and it is based primarily in Jeddah.

***Al-Qabas (Kuwait)*** – Self-described “Independent” political daily, first published on Feb. 22, 1972, and it's editor-in-chief is Walid 'Abd Al-Latif An-Nasf.

***Al-Quds al-Arabi (United Kingdom)*** – A London based pan Arab daily first issued in 1989 by Palestinian expatriates. The paper is published by the *Al-Quds al-Arabi Foundation for Publishing and Media*. Editor in-chief: Abd al-Bari Atwan

***Al-Watan (Qatar)*** — *Al-Watan* is one of the five Qatari dailies. *Al-Watan's* chairman is Hamad bin Sahim Al Thani, a member of the royal family (all of the papers are owned by different branches of the royal family). The Foreign Minister, Hamad Bin Jasim Bin Jabir Al Thani, owns half of the newspaper. It was founded in 1995.

***Al-Watan (Saudi Arabia)*** — a daily owned by the governor of the Asir district.

**Ar-Rai (Jordan)** — first issued in 1971, it is a government daily which expresses the approaches of the Jordanian regime. The editor-in-chief is 'Abd Al-Wahab Zaghilat.

**Ar-Raya (Qatar)** — a government-sponsored daily edited by Yusuf Muhammad Darwish and published through the Gulf Company, which belongs to the royal family.

**Ash-Sharq (Qatar)** — a daily newspaper edited and managed by Mr. 'Abd Al-Latif Al-Mahmud and part of the Ash-Sharq publishing and printing house. The Ash-Sharq house board is headed by one of the royal family members.

**As-Sabil (Jordan)** – Newspaper published since 1993, that became a daily in 2009.

**Filastin (Gaza)** — Affiliated with Hamas. It was first issued in May 2007.

**Oman (Oman)** — first issued in November 1972, it is a government affiliated paper. The editor-in-chief is 'Abdallah Bin Nasir Ar-Rahabi.

**Ukaz (Saudi Arabia)** – a Saudi daily. Editor in chief is Abdullah Saleh Kamel.



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